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	Examiner Tan Ho	Art Unit 2821	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 12 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.


TAN HO
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1, 2, 6, 8, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Flint et al (US Patent 6,686,886).

Flint et al disclose, in figures 3, 7, and 15, an antenna for a laptop comprising a host case, a display module, pivotally connected to the host case, having a housing for containing a display panel 303, a planar antenna 301 disposed on a top edge of the display panel, and a planar antenna 302 disposed on a edge side of the display panel. Figures 7 and 10 show the antenna which is formed on a PCB. The transmission line for transmitting the signal from the antenna to the mother board in the host case is inherent.

3. Claims 1, 6, 7, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Masaki (US Patent 6,728,559).

Masaki discloses, in figures 5 and 8, an antenna for a notebook computer comprising a host case 20b, a display module, pivotally connected to the host case, having a housing 20a for containing a display panel 24a, a planar antenna 1 formed on a PCB and disposed on the rear side of the display panel, and a transmission line 61 connected the antenna to the mother board in the host case.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 3-5, 10, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Flint et al or Masaki.

The patent to Flint et al and Masaki, described above, differ from the claimed invention because they do not disclose the specific the width of the antenna. However the width of antenna is considered an obvious matter of design choice depending the desired frequency band of the antenna device. Regarding to claims 4, 5, 10, and 11 the USB transmission line is well known for using in the notebook and therefore it represents an obvious expedient.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 12 is allowed.

Claim 12 recites a notebook comprising a planar antenna which is disposed on the top edge of the display panel and formed on the peripheral area of a PCB, and a decoding circuit fabricated on the central area of the PCB. The patents to Flint et al and Masaki do not teach this decoding circuit.

7. The patents to Tsai, Asano et al, Miyasaka, Masaki et al, Jones et al, and Masaki are cited as of interest showing the antenna similar to that disclosed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tan Ho whose telephone number is (571) 272-1822. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00AM - 5:00PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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